



In the Claims:Please amend claim 1 in the following manner:

 --1. (Three times Amended) An internal combustion engine arrangement comprising:

a spark-ignited internal combustion engine having a controllable air/fuel ratio;

an exhaust line receiving exhaust gas from the internal combustion engine;

an oxide gas absorber in the exhaust line including a support member; and an absorption layer on a surface of the support member having a total surface area which is larger than that of the underlying area of the support member accessible to exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust line for reversible absorption of at least one nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) and at least one oxide of sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>); and,

 a control unit for controlling regeneration of said oxide gas absorber, said control unit being arranged to periodically change said controllable air/fuel ration of said engine to a rich mixture to regenerate said absorber and said control unit being arranged to control the temperature of the absorption layer by adjusting composition parameters of the exhaust gas to cause the absorption layer to be heated to a temperature of at least 500°C during said regeneration for desorbing absorbed NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub>.--

Cancel claims 33 - 44 without prejudice.R E M A R K S

In the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, the examiner rejected Applicant's claims as anticipated or obvious over the Araki reference. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 1, as set forth above, to further distinguish the subject matter claimed from the disclosure of Araki. Reconsideration of independent